

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 8  
THIRD QUARTER 2002  
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison  
Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 8 during third quarter 2002 was 113,806, a decrease of 2.0% from the second quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.8% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 11 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 12.2% was in mining.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2002, second quarter 2002, third quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 75. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 8 with 19,828 employees, or 17.4% of total employment. Ouachita was the leading parish with 70,579 employees, or 62.0% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.7% from the same period in 2001 and decreased 5.0% from second quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$478.65. Jackson parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$541.12.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 8 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 8" beginning on page 78.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Caldwell	\$ 384.26
East Carroll	375.69
Franklin	369.32
Jackson	541.12
Madison	408.86
Morehouse	508.89
Ouachita	510.89
Richland	403.16
Tensas	388.71
Union	387.60
West Carroll	391.38

The number of reporting units in RLMA 8 for third quarter 2002 was 7,859.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

